

Environmental Protection Agency

§ 67.33

(1) If the Administrator does not issue a notice of intent to review within that period, the State determination shall, upon expiration of such period, constitute final action of the Administrator under section 120 of the Act.

(2) If the Administrator issues a notice of intent to review within that period, the State determination shall not become final until the Administrator takes final action after reviewing the determination.

(e) Except as otherwise provided, a State determination shall be approved if there was a reasonable basis in law and in fact for making the determination.

§ 67.32 Procedure where no formal State hearing was held.

(a) In reviewing a decision that a source is in compliance with applicable legal requirements or entitled to an exemption for which no hearing conforming to § 67.11(b) (4) or (6) was held, the Administrator shall evaluate the accuracy and adequacy of the documents transmitted to him pursuant to § 67.11(b)(5) and shall invite submission of comments on issues identified by him as relevant to his review.

(b) If the Administrator concludes that no hearing need have been held and that the State determination was correct, he shall notify the State, the source owner or operator, and other participants of his determination, which shall constitute final agency action by EPA under authority of section 120. If the Administrator concludes that the petition of the source owner or operator presented information which, if true, would have altered the owner or operator's liability for a penalty, he shall upon notice to the State or local agent schedule a hearing in accordance with subpart E of part 66. Such notice shall operate as a withdrawal of EPA's delegation of authority to the State or local agent over the facility in question unless the State or local agent schedules a hearing within 15 days of receipt of the notice.

(c) If the Administrator concludes that the State determination did not conform to the requirements of the Act or of part 66 (as modified by § 67.11), he shall by written notice revoke the determination. Such revocation shall op-

erate as a withdrawal of EPA's delegation of authority to the State or local agent over the facility in question. The source owner or operator may then petition for review of the Administrator's decision pursuant to the provisions of § 66.13.

(d) Unless otherwise provided in the Administrator's notice to the State or local agent, any noncompliance penalties owed by the source owner or operator shall be paid to the State or local agent. The Administrator shall send a copy of this notice to the source owner or operator.

§ 67.33 Procedure where a formal State hearing was held.

(a) In reviewing a decision that a source is in compliance with applicable legal requirements or is entitled to an exemption for which a hearing conforming to § 67.11(b) (4) or (6) was held, the Administrator may invite comment on issues identified by him as relevant to his review and shall propose or make findings as to the correctness of the determination and the accuracy and adequacy of the material transmitted pursuant to § 67.11(b)(5).

(b) The Administrator shall notify all participants in the State hearing of his findings and conclusions. If the Administrator concludes that the State determination conformed to the requirements of the Act and of part 66 (as modified by § 66.11), the Administrator's determination shall constitute final administrative action by EPA under authority of Section 120. If the Administrator finds that the State determination did not conform to the requirements of the Act and of part 66 (as modified by § 67.11), the findings shall constitute proposed findings and the notice shall invite participants to file exceptions thereto. If the Administrator considers it desirable, he may schedule a time for argument.

(c) Within 60 days of receipt of any briefs or exceptions or after oral argument pursuant to paragraph (b), the Administrator shall affirm, modify, or revoke his proposed findings that the State's determination did not conform to the requirements of the Act or of part 66 (as modified by § 67.11). The decision shall be in writing. Notice and a copy of the decision shall be provided